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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES: 13 APRIL EXECUTIVE
WORKING GROUP (EWG) DISCUSSION OF ANNEX A, READINESS.

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SUMMARY: DESPITE A GREAT DEAL OF HEATED DISCUSSION AND
CONTROVERSY, ANNEX A WAS NOT BATTERED NEARLY AS BADLY
DURING ITS FIRST TRIP THROUGH THE EWG WRINGER AS MIGHT
HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. THE EWG INCORPORATED ALL MAJOR US
CHANGES IN BRACKETS. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO FURTHER
ACTION ARE LOCATED AT PARA 2. ACTION REQUESTED:
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WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. AMENDMENTS (THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO
ANNEX A OF REF A):

A. PARA 3: US REP (LEGERE) PUT FORWARD US AMENDMENT
(PARA 3A, REF B). UK REP (PETERS) SUGGESTED CHANGING US

AMENDMENT BY INSERTING "AIM TO" IN FRONT OF ALL OPERATIVE VERBS. THE US REP REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE UK CHANGE. THE CHAIRMAN (PETRIGNANI) INSTRUCTED THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) TO BRACKET BOTH PROPOSALS.

B. PARA 4: THE FRG REP (VON SANDRART), SUPPORTED BY THE UK REP, PROPOSED AMENDING THIS PARA TO READ "... (CNADS) TO PURSUE ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON...". NO ONE OBJECTED.

C. PARA 11: THE FRG REP PROPOSED DELETION OF ALL MENTION OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND OF SPECIFIC WEAPONS SYSTEMS, SAYING THAT HIS AUTHORITIES STRONGLY SUPPORTED THIS PROGRAM BUT DID NOT WANT TO PREJUDICE THE OUTCOME OF CNAD DELIBERATIONS. THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED LEAVING THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE AS WRITTEN BUT CHANGING "TO INCLUDE" TO "WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE", ETC. THE FRG REP ACCEPTED THIS LANGUAGE.

D. PARA 12: THE TURKISH REP (OZCERI) PROPOSED DELETION OF "WHICH MAY NO LONGER BE WHOLLY APPROPRIATE". THE EWG AGREED.

E. PARA 13: THE UK REP SUCCESSFULLY PROPOSED AMENDING THIS PARAGRAPH TO READ "NATIONS HAVE, HOWEVER, THE RIGHT TO INCLUDE SAFEGUARDS...".
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F. PARA 15: AT FRG INSISTENCE, AS SUPPORTED BY THE BELGIAN (VAN DRIESSCHE), NETHERLANDS (WYNAENDTS), AND UK REPS, THE EWG AGREED TO DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH ENTIRELY, PRIMARILY ON THE BASIS THAT ANY TOTAL FIGURES USED WOULD BE SOFT AND THAT, IN FACT, IT IS INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL COSTS THAT REALLY INTERESTED DEFENSE MINISTERS.

G. PARA 16(A): THE NL REP NOTED THAT THE LONG TERM WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THIS PARA AND SUGGESTED ADDING "AND CONSIDER ACQUISITION IN THE LONG TERM". THE EWG AGREED. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ENSUED ON THE US AMENDMENT (PARA 3B, REF B) AND THE UK REVISION ("AIM TO") FIRST RAISED DURING THE DISCUSSION OF PARA 3. AS A RESULT, THE CHAIRMAN DIRECTED THAT THE US LANGUAGE AND THE UK REVISION (WHICH ALSO WAS SUPPORTED BY THE FRG AND DANISH (MOGENSEN) REPS BE BRACKETED. THE NORWEGIAN REP (HEIDENSTROM) FOOTNOTED THIS SECTION AS "AGREED IN PRINCIPLE".

H. PARA 16(B): NORWEGIAN AND DANISH REPS TOOK AN "AGREED IN PRINCIPLE" FOOTNOTE ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. PARA 16(C): AT THE FRG REP'S INSISTENCE, THE EWG

AMENDED THIS PARA TO READ, IN PART, "PROGRAMMES FOR UPLOADING AMMUNITION IN A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS; TOWARD THAT END INTRODUCE MEASURES REQUIRED FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:". THE TURKISH REP RESERVED.

J. PARA 16(D): THE FRG REP PROPOSED ADDING "THE NATO AUTHORITIES" AFTER "IN CONJUNCTION WITH". THE NETHERLANDS REP PROPOSED CHANGING "ACTION" TO "STUDIES" AND ADDING "KEEPING IN MIND THAT A GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS THAT NO NATION SHOULD BEAR AN UNDUE BURDEN". THE EWG ACCEPTED

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THESE AMENDMENTS.

K. PARA 16(E): THE NETHERLANDS REP SUCCESSFULLY PROPOSED ADDING "ACCORDING TO OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS" TO THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE. THE FRG REP PROPOSED DELETING APPENDIX 2 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REWORDING THE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ "THE OBJECT SHOULD BE TO MEET CURRENT DEFICIENCIES". THE EWG ACCEPTED THESE AMENDMENTS AND BRACKETED, AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE FRG AND THE NL REPS, THE RECOMMENDED US ADDITION (REF B), WITH "TO INCLUDE" CHANGED TO READ "WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE".

L. PARA 16(G): THE UK REP PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE: "AGREE TO INVITE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL IMPEDIMENTS WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT NATIONAL FORCES CAN BE PLACED UNDER NATO COMMAND IN A PERIOD OF CRISIS WITH
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THE MAXIMUM RAPIDITY AND SYNCHRONISATION. THIS SHOULD COVER BOTH THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY AT STATES ORANGE AND SCARLET OF THE COUNTER-SURPRISE MILITARY SYSTEM FOR ACE LAND AND AIR FORCES, AND THE EARLY TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO NATO COMMANDERS OF NATIONAL FORCES WITHIN THE FORMAL NATO ALERT SYSTEM". THE EWG ACCEPTED THIS LANGUAGE. THE TURKISH REP PROPOSED CHANGING "REVIEW" TO "CONSIDER REVIEWING" BUT RECEIVED NO SUPPORT, AND THEREFORE REQUESTED HIS SUGGESTION BE BRACKETED. THE FRG REP SUCCESSFULLY PROPOSED ADDING "INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF NATIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF KEY ALERT MEASURES" TO THE END OF THE UK LANGUAGE. THE NORWEGIAN REP REQUESTED A FOOTNOTE ON THIS RECOMMENDATION TO THE EFFECT THAT NEITHER NORWAY NOR AFNORTH SAW ANY PROBLEM WITH EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT NORWAY THEREFORE HAD NO INTENTION OF REVIEWING SAID ARRANGEMENTS. THE SHAPE REP (NICHOLSON) ASKED THAT THE FOOTNOTE BE EXPANDED TO NOTE THAT SACEUR DID NOT SHARE THE NORWEGIAN VIEW.

M. APPENDIX 1: THE FRG REP SUGGESTED DELETION OF THE ADDITIONAL MISSILE PART OF THE APPENDIX IN VIEW OF THE US LANGUAGE IN PARA 16(A). THIS WAS AGREED. THE CANADIAN REP (OLSEN) REQUESTED THAT THE CANADIAN ENTRIES UNDER ARMED HELICOPTERS AND ADDITIONAL LEOPARDS BE DELETED. THE NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT THE "336" UNDER LEOPARDS WAS ACTUALLY UNDERSTATED IN THAT RESERVE, MAINTENANCE, AND TRAINING TANKS WERE NOT INCLUDED.

N. APPENDIX 2: DELETED IN CONJUNCTION WITH DISCUSSION OF PARA 16(E).

O. APPENDIX 3: THE CANADIAN REP REQUESTED THAT CANADA'S "1 BRIGADE AND 2 AIR SQUADRONS" BE DELETED. THE FRG REP
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NOTED THAT THE FRG MUST RESERVE ITS POSITION "PENDING THE OUTCOME OF NATIONAL STUDIES". THE NETHERLANDS REP TOOK AN "AGREE IN PRINCIPLE" FOOTNOTE. THE US REP COUNTERED BY REQUESTING A US FOOTNOTE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US COMMITMENT WAS DEPENDENT ON RECIPROCAL COMMITMENTS

BY OTHER NATIONS.

2. COMMENT: BECAUSE (A) ANNEX A WAS THE FIRST TO BE COVERED (B) THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE WIDE RANGING, AND (C) THE EUROPEANS AND THE CANADIANS PERCEIVE THAT WHAT IS BEING ASKED HAS A HIGH PROBABILITY OF REQUIRING REAL EXPENDITURES, THIS PARTICULAR DISCUSSION CONSUMED ALMOST HALF OF THE TIME ORIGINALLY ALLOTTED FOR DISCUSSION OF THE ENTIRE REPORT. THANKS IN PART TO AN EXTREMELY ADROIT AND HELPFUL PERFORMANCE BY D/SYG PETRIGNANI, WE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ALL MAJOR US CHANGES INCORPORATED AT LEAST IN BRACKETS. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE INTEND TO LOBBY FOR THE BRACKETED US LANGUAGE AS IT NOW STANDS UP TO THE NEXT EWG MEETING NEXT FRIDAY. CONCURRENTLY, WE WILL BE EXAMINING THE BRACKETED US LANGUAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF TACTICS FOR ADVANCING US OVERALL OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AS A WHOLE, AND BBY OOB TUESDAY, APRIL 18, WILL FORWARD OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHERE WE SHOULD HOLD FIRM AT THE APRIL 21 EWG MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SECOND DRAFT. END COMMENT.

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